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House File 320

February 20, 1947.
 Agriculture 1.

By WEICHMAN.

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to termination of farm tenancy.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section five hundred sixty-two point six (562.6),
- 2 Code, 1946, is hereby amended by striking the remainder of said
- 3 section after the word "notice" in line five (5).
- 1 Sec. 2. Section five hundred sixty-two point seven (562.7),
- 2 Code 1946, is hereby repealed.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 320

This bill will do away with the serving of a special notice to terminate farm leases. This particular addition to our laws was passed several years ago to protect farm tenants from insurance companies selling farms that were occupied by a tenant as late as March 1st and asking the tenants to move. Most insurance companies now in order to get around this particular act serve the notice of termination at the time of the signing of the lease.

Many innocent landlords are caught with some tenant saying they intend to move away the following year to another farm so that landlord does not serve the notice but believes in the tenant. Then after November 1st, and by this time the landlord has leased his land to another tenant, the present tenant changes his mind and tells the landlord he believes he will stay for another year. Therefore, the landlord finds himself with two tenants on his hands which requires him to buy one of the tenants out. Most farm leases are drawn from March 1st to March 1st and stating right in the lease and any good tenant will know whether he can stay on a farm the following year before November 1st preceding the year he is to operate the farm. This extra notice of termination of a lease only serves to get some honest landlord into trouble with some smooth operating tenant whom he would like to have moved off his farm.